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RUDI MUST ACT ON HIS STARS' SLUMP

— By Andrew Dettre

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We have had desert heat, jungle humidity and torrential rain — what else is in store for the Philips League in the coming weeks?

More surprises, for sure. Stunningly, after a mere two rounds, the table leader is the novice Wollongong, the team which was often accused of having entered the PSL through some political backdoor.

Their 3-0 win at Heidelberg easily outranks Blacktown's 5-0 success over Marconi in 1980; this, after all, was Wollongong's second competition game ever.

Not to be outdone, their country cousins, Newcastle, are also on maximum points.

So the big race is on between the two clubs which only recently made some sort of blood pact of friendship and co-operation and whose respective managers, Alan Vest and Ken Morton, are the closest of friends.

While one applauds the deeds of the two NSW provincial clubs, the inescapable feeling emerges: how many more Wollongongs are lurking in the Australian countryside, waiting to be explored and developed?

This, undoubtedly, is the direction in which

the Philips League must head; this is the type of enterprise which deserves all the attention and aid of the authorities.

Albury-Wodonga? The Bathurst area, perhaps Cooma? And what about Townsville, maybe Cairns, Ballarat, Geelong, Bendigo and the others?

It's possible that the laws of nature will accomplish what our administrators couldn't: a healthy decentralisation of Australian soccer.

So that's the good news of the week. The bad news is that most Socceroos are badly off

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Willie Murray, Sydney City's new capture, flies high in Sunday's game.

AMPOL CUP

TWO DOUBLES IN AMPOL

Four Ampol Cup matches are staged tonight: Melita play Wollongong and Auburn clash with Polonia at the St. George stadium, while Monaro and Bankstown meet in the early game at Seymour Shaw and Avala meet Sutherland later in the evening.

It is a safe bet that the sides won't be going flat out — the premiership competition gets underway on the weekend and most players will be saving themselves with the prospect of playing twice in steamy conditions.

Melita should have the measure of the first division Wollongong side while Auburn should be able to handle Polonia.

However, both Wollongong and Polonia should relish their under-dog positions and an upset in either match wouldn't be a major surprise.

The Monaro-Bankstown match is shaping up as a likely draw, while Avala should have the guile to keep the eager young sharks at bay.

Monaro can be expected to react to criticism that they are unfit while Bankstown are hoping to gradually work their way into peak form.

Avala are hoping to again be up with the leaders, while Sutherland want to shake off the lethargy of 1980 and once again be title contenders.

CANTERBURY v BANKSTOWN 6-1 (1-1)

Canterbury proved too strong for the young Bankstown side and inflicted a crushing win.

It took only two minutes for Canterbury to open their account.

Thamnidis set off on 40-metre dash down the middle, then beat the advancing Wally Lachowicz to score.

Bankstown equalised in the 27th minute when Craig Peck's shot hit the crossbar and rebounded in.

But that was last moment of glory.

In the second half goals rained in on the Bankstown net, with Ross Brown scoring just after the break and Neil Williams adding another with a clever header in the 63rd minute.

Three more goals in the space of nine minutes finished off the result.

Williams added a penalty in the 78th minute, followed five minutes later by Thamnidis' second goal when he accepted a pass from Ian Andrews to score from five metres.

John Lane completed the rout when he drove a perfect 25-metre freekick past the Bankstown wall with just three minutes remaining.

CANTERBURY: El Zein 3, Kable 3, Lane 4, Karaspiras 3, Barton 4, Binno 3 (Andrew 45m), Basterfield 4, Williams 4, R. Brown 4, Thamnidis 5, Geogiou 2 (Laws 65m).

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 3, Beveridge 4, Beater 3,

Amos 2, Lynch 3, Rea 2, (Morrison 79m), Peck 3, Fergusson 3, Nocera 3, Farthing 3, Gilligan 4.

Goals: 1-0 Thamnidis (2m), 1-1 Peck (27m), 2-1 Brown (50m), 3-1

Williams (63m. pen.), 4-1 Williams (78m), 5-1 Thamnidis (83m), 6-1 Lane (87m).

Referee: G. Power; crowd: 1,863 (double header.) — G. Streeter

ST. GEORGE v RIVERWOOD 4-2 (3-1)

St. George got among the goals with this well deserved win over near neighbours Riverwood.

Riverwood shocked Saints with a seventh minute goal when Wally Savor made a great 40-metre break before slipping the ball to Fisher who scored from close in.

Four minutes later Saints drew level when Barry Walker scored from five metres after taking down a Dez Martin cross.

Mark Barton put Saints in front in the 21st minute when he scored a close range goal after a perfect cross from Peter Stone.

Within another four minutes Phil Mikas handled in the box and Walker scored from the spot to virtually end Riverwood's hopes of a point.

Barton scored his second goal from another close in move after Stone's shot had hit

the upright and rebounded back into play.

In the last minute Gavin Landon took advantage of a faulty back-pass by Steve MacDonald to give the scoreline a more respectable look for Riverwood.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 3, Duarte 4, Terry 3, Barton 4, Hadley 4, MacDonald 3, Davies 4, Stone 4, Walker 5, Griffiths 3, Martin (McIntosh 32m, 3).

RIVERWOOD: Gisbourne 3, Mikas 4, Wignall 3, Oldham 3, Goodbun 3, Lee 4, Graszewski 3, Savor 3, (Hooper 65m), Fisher 4, Tracey 4, Landon 3.

Goals: 0-1 Fisher (7m), 1-1 Walker (11m), 2-1 Barton (21m), 3-1 Walker (25m. pen.), 4-1 Barton (83m), 4-2 Landon (89m).

Referee: T. Boskovic; crowd: 1,863 (double header.) — G. Streeter

CANBERRA'S YOUTH WORLD CUP KIDS

The draw for the World Youth Cup will take place in Canberra on March 31.

Girls representing the 16 finalists will be present.

Here are two more of the lovely "World Cup Kids" — with two others introduced next week.

RUMANIA EVA BLAZEY

Born: 21/10/70 in Canberra. Height: 140 cm. Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown. School: Lyons. Grade: 5. Languages: English. Brothers: —. Sisters: —. Father born in London, England. Mother born in Melbourne. Grandmother on mother's side is Rumanian.



Favourite other PSL team: Leichhardt. Strikers: Overseas teams:

Dynamo Bucharest. Food: Lamb. Musical group: AC/DC. TV Show: Countdown. Other sport: Tennis. Likes: Sports. Dislikes: School. What I want to be: Skater.

POLAND KRYSZYNA (Tyna) SKWARKO

Born: 28/2/70 in Canberra. Height: 137 1/2 cm. Hair: Blond. Eyes: Blue. School: Red Hill. Grade: 6.

Languages: English, Polish, French. Brothers: Janek, 8. Sisters: —.

Father born in Wilno, Poland. Mother born in Lodz, Poland.

Favourite other PSL team: Melbourne Gunners.

Overseas teams: Widzew Lodz, Poland; Liverpool, England.

Food: Roast Beef. Musical group: Bee Gees.

TV show: The Goodies. Other sport: Horse riding.

Likes: Horses, pierozki. Dislikes: Rats, and running around the school oval.

What I want to be: Movie star.



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EX-DUNDEE ACE GETS BIG SEND-OFF

Versatile and popular Dundee midfielder player Jim Shirra has left Dens Park and departed for the warmer climate of Australia.

He is hoping to further his football career with South Melbourne F.C.

Jim has always had a secret ambition to sample competitive soccer Down-Under.

"Make no mistake," he said, "I am indeed very sorry to leave all of my Scottish footballing friends, but I have really wanted to try Australian football for quite some time now."

"I am hoping to have a very successful playing career with South Melbourne. I understand they are a progressive and go-ahead club, and am looking forward to being part of their set-up."

Married with a two-year-old daughter, Shirra should do well in Australia.

Highly rated, he was only allowed to leave Dens Park on condition that should he return to Scotland, Dundee will have first option on his services.

Thirty years of age, Jim commenced his senior career in 1967 when he left Gairdoch Juveniles to sign for his home-town club Falkirk.

It was whilst playing with them that he was selected to play for Scotland against Italy in a "B" international.

In October, 1976, he was transferred to Aberdeen for \$50,000.

The following year, he left Pittodrie to join Dundee.

His move was part of a transfer deal which took the highly successful Gordon Strachan to Aberdeen with a cash adjustment.

Shirra fitted in well at Dens Park, winning two

medals with the Dark Blues.

The first was when Dundee won the First Division Championship title in 1979, and the other earlier this season when beaten in the League Cup Final by near neighbours Dundee United.

Before leaving, he was given a grand send-off by his fellow players, who wished him every success in his new venture, and presented him with a cheque.

Also off to Australia is Forfar Athletic defender Jim Cameron.

— From "Shoot", London

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PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

AMPOL CUP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Melita v Wollongong 6.45pm
Auburn v Polonia 8.30pm
(St. George Stadium)

Monaro v Bankstown 6.45pm
Avala v Sutherland 8.30pm
(Seymour Shaw)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Manly v Wollongong 6.45pm
Melita v North Sydney 8.30pm
(Venue to be decided)

Riverwood v Parramatta 6.45pm
St. George v Croatia 8.30pm
(St. George Stadium)

STATE LEAGUE

Croatia v Riverwood, Sunday, King Tomislav Bankstown v Melita, Sunday, Soccer Centre Monaro v Sutherland, Sunday, Marco Polo St. George v Avala, Saturday, St. George Canterbury v Manly, Sunday, Arlington Polonia v Nth. Sydney, Sunday, Chopin Park Parramatta v Auburn, Sunday, Garside Park

FIRST DIVISION

Bathurst v Revesby, Sunday, 2 B.O.D. Blacktown Utd. v Fairy Meadow, Sun., Francis Warringah v W'gong Utd., Sunday, Narrabeen Guildford v Nth. Bankstown, Sun., Guildford Pk Gladesville v Belmore, Sunday, Peel Park Penrith v Kuringal, Sunday, Cook Park Uni NSW v Yugal, Sunday, Prince Henry Hosp.

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WOLVES' LAIR COULD GET BUMPER CROWD

It seems likely that the season's first 10,000 plus crowd will assemble on Sunday — and the venue will be Wollongong.

A wave of patriotic soccer hysteria has swept through the South Coast of NSW since last Sunday when their brand new team, Wollongong Wolves hit the front in the Philips League — following their brilliant 3-0 win at Heidelberg.

It is a pity that their opponents will be Footscray whose drawing power is fairly modest.

Still, the locals will be mobilised regardless of ethnic origin, screaming, yelling and crying Wolves.

It would be a fairytale ending if Wollongong could win their third match on the trot.

But now that the element of surprise has worn off, Footscray could be extremely stiff opponents.

The momentum is certainly on Wollongong's side and so is the form.

Our tip: Wollongong 2-1.

LEIGHARDT LIONS

Both teams must feel enough remorse after their defeats of Sunday to produce an extra effort and make amends.

Leighardt's team is still being shaped with newcomers Kafka, Hughes and Leyden gradually slotted into the pattern of things.

This could take longer than Willie Wallace would hope for, especially if some of the others are slow to hit their straps.

Lions, with the smooth defensive duo of Hermiston and Bennett,

may come ready to settle for a point.

It's up front where they seem to have problems.

So far the Lions have performed below expectations but — as election TV experts always say when the counting begins: it's early days...

Leighardt's home advantage could make the difference though it's reasonable to expect a fairly tight battle with very few goals.

Our tip: Leighardt 1-0.

NEWCASTLE BLACKTOWN

It will be extremely difficult to stop the superbly prepared and confident Newcastle machine at their home venue.

It looks as though Alan Vest, at last, has produced the right blend in his team.

The new signings are fitting in nicely while some of the youngsters, such as Bertogna and McClelland, are maturing with every match.

Blacktown might have got a bit weaker since last season; they also lack depth for Rale Rasic to draw on.

So he is pretty certain to travel to Newcastle hoping for a draw, achieved with a packed midfield and defence, built around Djordjevic and Pointer.

Anything but a home win would be a big surprise.

Our tip: Newcastle 2-0.

BRISBANE CITY CANBERRA CITY

Having won 75 percent of the points so far, these two teams could be in for an entertaining afternoon.

The stakes are high even for such an early part of the season: the winner will stay near the top while the loser will fall back into the pack.

Brisbane City's valuable draw last week against the Slickers will give them plenty of confidence: Gaffney, Caldwell, Hamilton and the others only have to repeat their Sydney displays to gain the upper hand.

Canberra's problems, amazingly enough, are in the attack where such highly rated stars as Giampaolo, Valeri and Brennan couldn't muster a single goal in 180 minutes of soccer, their lone goal so far having been grabbed by a defender from a freekick.

Still, Canberra usually does well in Queensland having twice won against City there.

It's interesting to note that none of their four encounters so far has produced more than one goal per team.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

ADELAIDE CITY MARCONI

These former glamor teams are struggling to find their touch — Adelaide City haven't even scored a goal yet in 1981.

New coach Bob D'Ottavi is likely to experiment with some of his talented youngsters who need time.

Until they mature, it's up to the experienced campaigners such as Perin, Marocchi, the Nyskohus brothers and a few others to hold the trenches.

Marconi are not playing well. The will is there but the ways have

to be found; perhaps they try to do everything at top speed, instead of building the attacks with more circumspection.

But that's not easy with three front runners who are programmed to dash and dart rather than hold the ball and lay it off calmly.

Both teams have an enormous amount of talent and if they play anywhere near their peak, the fans should get their money's worth at Hindmarsh.

Our tip: Marconi 1-0.

PRESTON OLYMPIC

Dead, motherless, last on the table; newcomers without experience; possibly suffering from an inferior complex. That's Preston.

But they needn't be: theirs is a very skilful, talented team which is certain to come good before long.

Players like Yugal discard Petrovski, the busy McMillan, the rapier-like Cullen and the supremely calm though visibly overweight Ollerin form a very solid nucleus.

Against that Olympic can expect a measure of success only if they play near their peak.

With only one point out of two matches under their belt, Olympic also need a win badly not to mention Tommy Docherty who, perhaps more than ever in his life, is gambling heavily with his career and reputation.

Frankly, having seen both teams in action recently, we rate Preston higher and will be surprised if they don't open their account on Sunday. Our tip: Preston 2-0.



Sydney City goalie Tony Pezzano looks worried as a freekick slips past him — but also past the post.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HEIDELBERG

The "Pan Hellas derby" never fails to produce its share of excitement, drama — and bumper crowds; it won't be any different this time.

Goals are usually at a premium at these clashes while low scoring draws occur often.

South Melbourne appear to be in better shape at the moment

though John Margaritis is still experimenting with his large and talented squad.

Heidelberg are in a crisis and only a few insiders can possibly know whether it's due to the controversial coaching change in the off-season.

Father-figure Len McKendry, a demanding, outspoken taskmaster, has been replaced by the much quieter though equally knowledgeable Manny Poulakakis and the question is how the team's stars have reacted to all this? It's possible that last week's debacle by Heidelberg was merely a slip-up; if so, this is their golden chance to prove it. Our tip: South Melbourne 1-0.

SYDNEY CITY WEST ADELAIDE

When these two met in Sydney last year, the Slickers literally slaughtered their guests, to the tune of 7-0 from which they never recovered to the bitter end.

Only an enormous form reversal by Sydney City would enable them to even approach that scoreline, let alone reach it.

Muniz is likely to get a full game on Sunday and his promptings will be badly needed.

The Boden-Kosmina partnership has yet to blossom into full bloom

while coach Eddie Thomson also has to sort out how to deploy his forces at the back where he appears to have too many genuine defenders some of whom are pushed into the midfield.

Our tip: Sydney Slickers 3-1.

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Rudi to act

form, less than two months before our World Cup match in Auckland.

If you glance through our various match reports on pages 6 and 7, you will note that the majority of the Marconi, Heidelberg and Sydney City stalwarts on whose shoulders the Socceroos' fate rests, are in a deep slump.

Rudi Gutendorf claims it's a matter of fitness; he may be right. But he may be wrong, too.

It would be a good idea if he sat down for a conference with the respective coaches — as it's done all over the world, including in his native Germany — and tried to find ways to bring these key players to their peak again.

This is no time for personal feuds and slinging matches, hurt pride and professional jealousies.

The Socceroos' fate is at stake. And Gutendorf's job, too.



South Melbourne striker Alun Evans locked in by two Olympic players in Sunday's clash.

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TEAM OF ROUND 2

SOUNESS. (Sydney City)	BYRNE (Canberra)	MARSHALL (Adelaide City)	TYMCZYSZYN (West Adelaide)	PETROVSKI (Preston)
GAFFNEY (Brisbane City)	BOYLE (West Adelaide)	ILIOSKI (Footscray)		
McBREEN (Wollongong)	McMILLAN (Preston)	MORTON (Wollongong)		

• Ivo Prskalo on being sent off for his foul: "I must foul him or it's a goal."

• Marconi's Ian Hunter has shed his plaster cast on his broken leg and will begin light training this week.

• Raul Blanco, Marconi: "We should be playing a lot better. Our midfield, apart from Byrne, was not creative enough. Preston did very well."

• Ken Boden is in slight doubt for Sunday's game, having been replaced injured at half-time last Sunday.

• Eddie Thomson, Sydney City coach: "We are very highly rated on paper — but it's a different story on the pitch. It will take some weeks before the team clicks."

• Preston manager Nick Boskov: "We showed too much respect for Marconi early in the game. I think our wins will come."

• Preston's top scorer Gary Ward, who broke his leg last year, is almost ready to resume playing. Preston are expecting two more players from overseas.

• Doug Brown, Preston's talented striker, arrived about a month ago from Sheffield United.

• John Margaritis, South Melbourne coach: "I think we could have very easily won — but I'm not unhappy with the point."

• Wollongong striker Brian Turner ended a nine-minute stint last Sunday against Heidelberg with a visit to hospital where he had six stitches inserted in a gash. Coach Ken Morton went on in his place, to help the team to a good win.

• Ken Morton: "I expected that we would perform well, but I am inclined to feel that Heidelberg had an off day. We came for a win so that should please our supporters."

• Adelaide Giants coach Bob D'Ottavio: "We could have won as we had as many chances as Canberra. Marshall was superb while Mitchell and Marocchi were very good. I was impressed with Canberra's Johan Massa."

• Canberra Arrows coach, George Murray: "We created plenty of chances but we are still looking for goals. I took Johan Massa off because he is still unacclimatised. I wanted to give Walter Valeri a go to see if he could score goals."

• Blacktown coach Rale Rasic gave Adelaide referee Graham Neal a king-size serve of criticism following his team's 0-2 loss to the Adelaide Hawks last Sunday. "The referee knew we were the Demons, but he must have thought that the Hawks were all Angels because none of them were cautioned, while three of our players were yellow carded," Rasic said. "We must have neutral referees at all PSL games."

• Blacktown's Peter Cuk had his nose broken in Adelaide.

• Hawks coach Billy Birch said he believed that the controversial goal was good. "At first I thought Ian McGregor was offside, but then I realised that when Martyn Crook actually made contact with the ball Ian and the others who ran through were in fact on-side when the ball was kicked," Birch said.

• Brazilian Nelio Borges, who went to Adelaide Giants as part of a swap plus \$16,000 cash deal for fellow countryman Agenor Muniz, gave an impressive display for the Giants second division team in a trial game against Modbury last Saturday. Borges, of course, cannot be considered for any of the Giants official games until he completes his three-match suspension imposed by the Philips League disciplinary committee after his expulsion during the Charity Shield final.

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE									HOME									AWAY								
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2 NEWCASTLE	2	2	—	—	4	—	+4	4		1	1	—	—	3	—	2		1	1	—	—	1	—	2			
3 BRISBANE	2	1	1	—	3	2	+3	3		1	1	—	—	1	—	2		1	—	1	1	1	1	1			
CANBERRA	2	1	1	—	1	—	+1	3		1	—	1	—	—	—	1		1	1	—	—	1	—	2			
SOUTH MELBOURNE	2	1	1	—	3	2	+1	3		1	1	—	—	1	—	2		1	—	1	—	2	2	1			
SYDNEY CITY	2	1	1	—	2	1	+1	3		1	—	1	—	1	1	1		1	1	—	—	1	—	2			
7 WEST ADELAIDE	2	1	—	1	3	2	+1	2		1	1	—	—	2	—	2		1	—	—	1	1	2	—			
8 MARCONI	2	1	—	1	1	1	—	2		1	1	—	—	1	—	2		1	—	—	1	—	1	—			
9 FOOTSCRAY	2	1	—	1	2	4	—2	2		1	1	—	—	2	1	2		1	—	—	1	—	3	—			
10 ADELAIDE CITY	2	—	1	1	—	1	—1	1		1	—	—	1	—	1	—		1	—	1	—	—	—	1			
BRISBANE LIONS	2	—	1	1	2	3	—1	1		1	—	—	1	—	1	—		1	—	1	—	2	2	1			
12 LEICHHARDT	2	—	1	1	3	4	—1	1		1	—	1	—	2	2	1		1	—	—	1	1	2	—			
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BLACKTOWN	2	—	1	1	2	4	—2	1		1	—	1	—	2	2	1		1	—	—	1	—	2	—			
15 HEIDELBERG	2	—	1	1	2	5	—3	1		1	—	—	1	—	3	—		1	—	1	—	2	2	1			
16 PRESTON	2	—	—	2	—	2	—2	—		1	—	—	1	—	1	—		1	—	—	1	—	1	—			

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

ADELAIDE GIANTS	★	30/8 19/7 31/5 5/4 7/6 5/7 15/3 2/8 1/3 16/8 17/4 17/5 21/6 0-1 3/5
ADELAIDE HAWKS	24/5 ★	2-0 13/9 6/9 28/6 23/8 9/8 29/3 12/7 26/4 8/3 10/5 26/7 14/6 12/4
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	12/4 7/6 ★	26/7 2-2 9/8 6/9 24/5 8/3 10/5 29/3 14/6 12/7 23/8 26/4 28/6
BRISBANE GLADIATORS	6/9 2-1 17/4 ★	19/7 1/3 5/4 5/7 3/5 21/6 17/5 2/8 30/8 15/3 7/6 16/8
BRISBANE LIONS	12/7 31/5 13/9 12/4 ★	26/4 24/5 23/8 14/6 9/8 28/6 0-1 29/3 10/5 26/7 8/3
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0 15/3 3/5 14/6 2/8 ★	17/4 19/7 17/5 5/7 31/5 16/8 13/9 5/4 8/3 30/8
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	29/3 17/5 31/5 12/7 30/8 26/7 ★	10/5 2-1 26/4 8/3 13/9 28/6 9/8 12/4 14/6
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	28/6 3/5 30/8 29/3 17/5 12/4 16/8 ★	13/9 26/7 14/6 31/5 8/3 26/4 12/7 0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	26/4 5/7 21/6 9/8 1/3 23/8 7/6 2-2 ★	24/5 12/4 15/3 26/7 6/9 10/5 12/7
MARCONI LEOPARDS	14/6 5/4 16/8 8/3 3/5 29/3 2/8 17/4 30/8 ★	13/9 17/5 1-0 19/7 28/6 31/5
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	10/5 2/8 5/7 23/8 15/3 6/9 21/6 1/3 19/7 1-0 ★	5/4 9/8 7/6 24/5 17/4
NEWCASTLE KB	26/7 21/6 1/3 26/4 7/6 10/5 3-0 6/9 28/6 23/8 12/7 ★	12/4 24/5 9/8 29/3
PRESTON RAMS	23/8 16/8 5/4 24/5 5/7 0-1 15/3 21/6 17/4 7/6 3/5 19/7 ★	1/3 6/9 2/8
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	8/3 17/4 17/5 28/6 16/8 12/7 3/5 2/8 31/5 12/4 2-2 30/8 14/6 ★	29/3 13/9
SYDNEY SLICKERS	13/9 1/3 2/8 1-1 17/4 21/6 19/7 5/4 16/8 15/3 30/8 3/5 31/5 5/7 ★	17/5
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	9/8 19/7 15/3 10/5 21/6 24/5 1/3 7/6 5/4 6/9 26/7 5/7 26/4 3-1 23/8 ★	



WEEKEND GUIDE TO PHILIPS LEAGUE



Bruce

SYDNEY SLICKERS

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 15. Muniz, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 3pm at
Barton Park

v

ADELAIDE HAWKS

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymoczyszyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 13. Haig, 14. Flounders, 21. Hughes, 20. Miller, 25. Lopez. Coach: B. Birch.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic
Linesmen: B. Fowler,
A. Morrison



Norris



Jones

NEWCASTLE KB

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 15. Curran, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

Sunday, 3pm at Newcastle
International Sports Centre

v

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 15. Wallace, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge
Linesmen: R. Davies,
J. Tattersall



Hormazabal



McAusland

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. McAusland, 3. Skellern, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 8. Harding, 9. Pirie, 10. Leyden, 11. O'Connor, 12. McKie, 13. Kafka, 14. Bradley, 15. Bottalico, 22. Casacchia, 23. Brown, 16. Parks. Coach: W. Wallace.

Sunday, 3pm at
Lambert Park

v

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 14. Ogden, 17. Wright, 20. Lowndes. Coach: M. Carson.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc,
Linesmen: G. Power
W. Lord.



Hermiston



De Graaf

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 3. Dickinson, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vilestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison. Coach: K. Morton.

Sunday, 3pm at
Wollongong Showground

v

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

PAST RESULTS:
1979: Leichhardt v Lions
2-1.
1980: Leichhardt v Lions
0-0.

Wollongong will meet
Footscray for the first
time.

REFEREE: T. Davies,
Linesmen: B. Wilkinson
P. Ward



Vasic



Lutton

MELBOURNE GUNNERS

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

Sunday, 3pm at
Middle Park

v

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

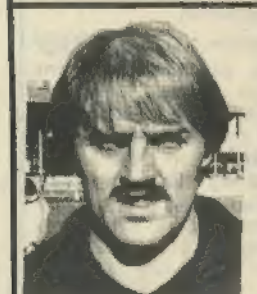
PAST RESULTS:
1977: Sth. Melbourne v
Heidelberg 1-1
1978: Sth. Melbourne v
Heidelberg 1-1
1979: Sth. Melbourne v
Heidelberg 0-1
1980: Sth. Melbourne v
Heidelberg 0-0

Likely squad: 1. Oliver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 5. P. Bannon, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozidak, 12. Yankos, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Williams, 20. Reilly. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

REFEREE: J. Johnston
Linesmen: J. Brennan,
S. Zounis



Paton



Ollerton

PRESTON RAMS

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos. Coach: B. Edgeley.

Sunday, 3pm at
O'Connor Reserve

v

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

PAST RESULTS:
Preston will meet Olympic
for the first time.

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Housseini, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

REFEREE: E. Venios
Linesmen: Gaut,
M. Momont,



Wilson



Russell

ADELAIDE GIANTS

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melia, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

Sunday, 2.30pm at
Hindmarsh

v

MARCONI LEOPARDS

PAST RESULTS:
1977: Adelaide City v
Marconi 1-0
1978: Adelaide City v
Marconi 4-0
1979: Adelaide City v
Marconi 2-4
1980: Adelaide City v
Marconi 0-1

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 7. Raskopoulos, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 13. Muir, 16. Tomasich, 17. Coluso, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

REFEREE: D. Campbell
Linesmen: G. Neal,
T. Martell



Krncevic



B. Wilkinson

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Sunday, 3pm at
Spencer Park

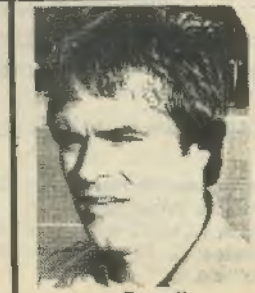
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CANBERRA ARROWS

PAST RESULTS:
1977: Brisbane City v
Canberra 0-1
1978: Brisbane City v
Canberra 1-0
1979: Brisbane City v
Canberra 0-1
1980: Brisbane City v
Canberra 1-1

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 3. Stark, 4. Farrell, 5. Williams, 6. Byrne, 7. Maclaren, 8. Cole, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Valeri, 11. Brennan, 13. Brown, 15. M. O'Shea, 16. J. O'Shea, 17. R. O'Shea, 15. Hozowski. Coach: G. Murray.

REFEREE: D. Miles
Linesmen: L. Monteverde,
G. Nicholson



Farrell



SCOREBOARD



SYDNEY CITY v BRISBANE CITY 1-1 (1-0)

SYDNEY CITY (4-3-3)

Souness (4)	Pezzano (3)	Gomez (4)	Bruce (2)
Spanos (3)	Cant (3)	Watson (2)	Barnes (3)
Murray (3)		Kosmina (3)	Boden (4)
P. Wilkinson (3)	Kelso (2)	Palinkas (3)	
Hamilton (4)	Pimblett (3)	Gaffney (5)	
W. Wilkinson (3)	Ratcliffe (4)	Dunne (3)	Perry (4)
	Coe (3)		

BRISBANE CITY (4-3-3)

Replacements: Muniz (54m) for Murray, Caldwell (62m) for Palinkas, Silva (71m) for Boden.

Goals: 1-0 Boden (37m, pen.), 1-1 Caldwell (74m, pen.)

Referee: D. Rennie — Crowd: 1,500 — Cautions: Caldwell, Dunne.

Sydney City's experiment in using Watson as the midfielder general looked far from successful.

The tiny winger was slow and hesitant in the middle, whereas he usually revels in the space on the wings.

Both sides suffered from a lack of players willing to shoot on goal, Boden being the lone exception.

The match bogged down in the middle for far too long — and neither side can expect to win too many fans with the football served up in the first half.

The only flashes of speed were provided by Spanos, Souness and Boden for the Slickers and Gaffney and Hamilton for the Gladiators.

PENALTIES

Spanos seemed to make the most of a clumsy challenge from Dunne in the 36th minute and referee Doug Rennie awarded a generous spot kick which Boden slammed away.

Caldwell's inclusion in the Gladiators' line-up after 62 minutes provided some much needed width to the Brisbane attack.

Caldwell had a fine game during the half an hour he was on, tormenting the usually solid Bruce and providing some accurate crosses.

He caught the Slickers defence completely wrong footed in the 79th

minute and sent a fine ball across the goal area to Kelso.

The big forward — who otherwise had a miserable afternoon — smashed a fierce shot goalwards and the ball struck Souness' arm.

Caldwell himself converted the spot kick and the Gladiators earned a valuable point.

Little was seen of Kosmina or Murray throughout, and the Slickers' slow methodical type football was easily countered by a well organised Gladiators backline.

It's certain that Sydney will improve, once

they settle in their routine.

Socceroo squad members Barnes and Spanos had a very ordinary afternoon.

Barnes was used in midfield whereas Rudi Gutendorf banks on him as a stopper.

And, judging by this match, Gutendorf may be right.

Former Wollongong player Larry Gaffney was the best man on the field.

He never missed a chance to drive his team forward and kept pitching up loose balls non-stop.

Brisbane City gained a valuable point even if their display was anything but impressive.

— Paul James

BRISBANE LIONS v NEWCASTLE 0-1 (0-0)

BRISBANE LIONS (4-3-3)

Ontong (3)	Lowndes (3)	Bennett (3)	Niven (4)
Hogg (3)	Hermiston (3)	McLean (3)	Lindsay (3)
Millman (3)		Ferris (3)	Ogden (3)
McClelland (3)	Buckley (3)	Heys (3)	
Jones (2)	Senkalski (3)	Sumner (3)	
Curran (3)	Bertogna (4)	Drinkwater (4)	Reaney (3)
	Dando (4)		

NEWCASTLE UTD. (4-3-3)

Replacements: Mountford (31m) for Jones, Mason (52m) for McClelland, McNaughton (70m) for McLean, Daunt (75m) for Lindsay.

Goal: 0-1 Buckley (86m) — Referee: D. Nugent (Qld.) — Crowd: 1,867.

Once again the heat was the real winner in this encounter for neither team ever showed the type of soccer that is deserving of two points in the nation's top soccer league.

As it was Newcastle did get the points, not because of superior fitness or technique but simply because 'keeper Nigel Lowndes made an error that will probably live with him for the rest of the year.

Play had almost crawled to a stop and with Lions looking the likelier team to steal a goal Buckley found himself all alone with the ball, wide on the left wing, and not a team-

COSTLY DROP

mate in sight.

Obviously tired, he punted the ball high into the goal where Lowndes stood all alone and no-one in the crowd batted an eyelid as the big 'keeper rose to clutch the ball.

Clutch it he did and then for some unknown reason allowed the ball to drop over his head and down into the net.

Two points to Newcastle and we'll never know whether Alan Vest's prodigious leap off the bench was in sheer relief or delight for until that point his

charges, being hailed as potential champions this year, had given him little to cheer about.

In fact, in Bertogna, Drinkwater and Phil Dando he had the hardest working trio on the field and but for their tenacity even the Lions attack, which cannot at the moment be described as deadly, would surely have managed to scrape a goal or two.

Apart from that incident there was little to enthuse the crowd.

It would be correct to say that both defences

were far too strong for their opposition on the day and that fact, all too prevalent in Philips League, does not make for exciting entertainment.

Lions fullback Niven came closest to scoring with some accurate long range shooting but always found Dando equal to the challenge.

For Newcastle it would be hard to single out a potential scorer for Lowndes could not, under any stretch of the imagination, have been described as busy and this, more than anything, probably was instrumental in causing his fatal lapse in concentration.

— Jim Binnie

OLYMPIC v SOUTH MELBOURNE 2-2 (2-1)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC (4-3-3)

Moulis (4)	Wilson (4)	Ziros (3)	Ankudinoff (2)
Cork (3)	Rowden (3)	Katholos (4)	Housseini (2)
Laing (4)		Koussas (4)	Jennings (3)
	Buljevic (3)	Evans (4)	
Christopoulos (4)	Shirra (3)	Rogers (4)	Stevenson (3)
Davidson (3)	Blair (3)	Xanthopoulos (3)	V. Bannon (4)
	Laumets (3)		

SOUTH MELBOURNE (4-4-2)

Replacements: Cross (45m) for Housseini, Scott (66m) for Ankudinoff, Cummings (76m) for Buljevic.

Goals: 0-1 Christopoulos (24m), 1-1 Laing (38m), 2-1 Koussas (43m), 2-2 Christopoulos (61m, pen.)

Referee: H. Witschge — Crowd: 4,813.

South Melbourne created enough chances to win the match comfortably but had to settle for a draw.

Olympic showed a lot of grit and fighting spirit and, urged on by their enthusiastic crowd, soaked up a lot of early pressure and then hit back with two goals in five minutes, the second of which would surely qualify as the goal of the month.

South Melbourne looked certain to hit the lead after 9 minutes when Rogers shot wide close to goal.

A few minutes later Christopoulos outran the Olympic defence and facing the goalie, in a

WRONGNUMBER

perfect position, missed the target.

Less than two minutes later he made amends: after another great run and from a much sharper angle, he slammed home the ball from some 25 metres.

A few minutes later an overhead kick by Evans scraped the crossbar — and it could have been 2-0.

An overlapping run by K. Moulis, after exchanging passes with Koussas and an unmarked Laing produced

the equaliser: Laing's 12-metre shot gave Laumets no chance.

Five minutes later Mark Koussas sent the Olympic fans into ecstasy when he accepted a great pass from Jennings and scored from close range.

The second half was all South Melbourne — although they had to rely on a penalty by Christopoulos to save a point.

Ankudinoff handled in the box — and Christopoulos converted calmly.

In the last half hour it was one-way traffic to the Olympic goal.

In the 69th minute young goalie Peter Wilson made a brilliant save from a Buljevic piledriver from some 20 metres.

Evans missed by inches two minutes later with the goalie well out of position.

Neither the crowd nor the pressmen present were amused when no less than nine players — six from Olympic — appeared on the field wearing different numbered shirts from those printed in the club program...

— Joe Marton

ADELAIDE HAWKS v BLACKTOWN 2-0 (1-0)

ADELAIDE HAWKS (4-3-3)

Reynolds (3)	Crook (4)	Tymczyszyn (5)	Bozanic (4)
McGachey (3)	Topaz (4)	Boyle (5)	McKie (3)
Manecas (3)		Norris (3)	McGregor (4)
	Culina (4)	Cuk (3)	
Hormazabal (3)	O'Donnell (4)	Selvae (3)	Milovanovic (4)
Pollard (3)	Pointer (4)	Djordjevic (4)	Wheatley (3)
	James (3)		

BLACKTOWN DEMONS (4-4-2)

Replacements: Haig (21m) for Reynolds, Wallace (46m) for Pollard, Rassmussen (71m) for Wheatley.

Goals: 1-0 McGregor (5m), 2-0 Boyle (87m.)

Referee: G. Neal (SA) — Crowd: 3,250 — Cautions: Milovanovic, Hormzabal, Wallace.

Most "homecomings" are happy affairs, but this one turned sour for Rale Rasic.

When in charge of Adelaide Giants the former national team boss held an enviable unbeaten record against the Adelaide Hawks.

The Blacktown Demons are not as classy as the Giants, but they still managed to generate the same type of controversy as that associated with clashes between the Giants and the Hawks.

The usual claims of offside goals being allowed and genuine goals being disallowed for offside were present along with charges of players being unjustly cautioned.

But when the dust of battle settled, the Hawks

HOMECOMING

were pleased to gain their first points of the season.

The Demons, on the other hand, showed that their dour game, while making life tough for opposing defences, will need more flair to make a strong impression.

Ian McGregor injected the first touch of controversy when he ripped past Blacktown's offside trap in the fifth minute to hit the ball wide of Demons goalkeeper Bruce James.

The Demons' appeal for offside was rejected, but so too was the Hawks' plea for a goal when Peter Boyle thought he had notched

the second goal after climaxing a chain of passes which began with goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

However, Boyle had his moment of glory three minutes from fulltime when he lofted a perfectly controlled 35-metre lob into an empty net after James had been lured from his goal.

Hawks' manager-coach Billy Birch reshuffled his team and made four changes to the line-up which lost the first round game 1-2 to Brisbane Gladiators.

Crook, McGregor, Barry Reynolds and teenager Ian McKie were rushed in against the

Demons at the expense of David Miller, Gordon Haig, Tom Forde and suspended mid-fielder Graham Honeyman.

Yet another change was needed in the 21st minute when the veteran Reynolds, making his PSL comeback bid after missing the 1980 season through injury, suffered a groin injury and was replaced by Haig.

Crook, who missed the first round Gladiators clash and all pre-season trials, had an easy afternoon compared to his hyperactive counterpart James, but he made the best save of the game 12 minutes after halftime when he brilliantly tipped a goal-bound header from Bruno Culina over the Hawks crossbar.

— Allan Crisp



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HEIDELBERG v WOLLONGONG 0-3 (0-1)

HEIDELBERG (4-3-3)

Oliver (2)			
Yankos (3)	Yzendoorn (4)	Bannon (3)	McMillan (4)
Selemidis (3)	J. Campbell (3)	Rooney (4)	
Bozikas (3)	Cole (2)	Paton (3)	
●			
Turner (-)	C. Campbell (4)	McBreen (4)	
Lathen (3)	Tredinnick (3)	Adam (5)	
Dickinson (3)	Fleming (4)	Dunleavy (4)	De Graaf (4)
Preston (3)			

WOLLONGONG (4-3-3)

Replacements: Morton (4) (9m) for Turner, Taylor (60m) for J. Campbell.
Goals: 0-1 McBreen (33m), 0-2 Morton (51m), 0-3 Dunleavy (72m).
Referee: D. Yelland (Vic.) — Crowd: About 3,000.

Had Heidelberg profited from their first minute raid, the whole story could have been different when Cole sent Bozikas through to head over.

Frankly, Heidelberg, were finding Wollongong to be the masters of anything they could produce, and the injury to Turner found coach Ken Morton a willing substitute in the Heidelberg misery.

The twenty-second minute saw Cole and Bozikas fail miserably in a short lived breakaway, and it was De Graaf who went close in a strong attack from Dunleavy and Adam.

Heidelberg seemed sluggish compared with the ever active South Coasters from over the border.

KING 'GONG

Fewer and fewer attacking moves from Heidelberg were achieving anything, so it was not surprising when Wollongong came at Heidelberg from the right wing, following a throw in, to see McBreen put 'The Gong' one up with a deflection which bamboozled Oliver.

A couple of minutes later it was Paton who went close to squaring things when he struck the cross-bar, but it was Wollongong who were the more impressive with Fleming, Adam, Dunleavy and De Graaf all standing ten feet tall.

Clive Campbell and Jim McBreen were forming a good pair of warriors for the over-worked Heidelberg defence and Wollongong were worthy half-time leaders.

Heidelberg's best period came on the resumption, when McMillan was brought down on the edge of the penalty area.

A Clive Campbell shot at the 51st minute was spilled by Oliver, and Morton accepted the gift with alacrity.

Heidelberg were trying to get back into the game, but efforts by Cole, Bozikas and Ban-

non failed to find the target.

The second attempt by Bozikas was a fine effort, with the ball whizzing past the post, only two minutes before the final killer blow by Wollongong.

A Clive Campbell corner floated deep into the box for unmarked Chris Dunleavy to head in the third goal.

Without being too hard on Heidelberg, I liked the style of teamwork displayed by Wollongong, and assure the other unlucky 13 teams that their turn will come when they met one of the liveliest combinations I have seen in the past twelve months.

Every appearance will attract spectators, and that can only be good for the game. — Jock Stephen

MARCONI v PRESTON 1-0 (0-0)

MARCONI (4-3-3)

Maher (4)			
Brogan (3)	Muir (4)	Prskalo (1)	Tomasich (3)
Raskopoulos (3)	Henderson (3)	Byrne (4)	
Sharne (4)	Krnecic (3)	Jankovics (3)	
●			
McMillan (4)	Cullen (4)		
Brown (4)	Faulkner (3)	Lucchesi (3)	Flavell (3)
Petrovski (5)	Higham (3)	Ollerton (4)	Beech (3)
Kastner (4)			

PRESTON (4-2-2)

Replacement: Coluso (46m) for Raskopoulos.
Goal: Krnecic (66m).
Referee: G. Power — Crowd: 4,500 — Sent off: Prskalo — Cautions: Muir, Prskalo, Cullen, Petrovski.

The once vibrating, pulsating Marconi machine has developed some engine problems: clearly, this star-studded outfit is merely going through the motions instead of enjoying its game.

While Marconi's fans were secretly hoping that the occasion will be another "Blacktown massacre", the 1981 PSL recruits had other ideas.

True, Preston started off cautiously, with a tight formation, showing a healthy respect for their opponents but then, as the match progressed, began to shed their complex and were equal partners in the enterprise.

EDDIE'S HEAD

The taller, heavier Marconi players had trouble finding their feet on the slippery turf and, as a result, their attacks were labored.

Noticeably, the team lacked a midfield playmaker of the Vieri type.

Without one, all the talent and exuberance of the three front runners will often go to waste; they seem unable to harness their energy and zest.

There were five scoring chances in the

first half: three for Marconi and two for Preston. In the 12th minute Henderson's goalmouth volley sailed over the bar then, eight minutes later, the fast, tricky Cullen picked up a rebound and shot wide with the goal at his mercy.

The appearance of substitute Coluso after halftime was enough to tip the balance ever so delicately in Marconi's favor: their game acquired a better tempo and rhythm.

In the 61st minute Jankovics hooked the

ball on the post after a Prskalo freekick and five minutes later the winning goal fell.

Byrne lofted a freekick into the goalmouth and Krnecic climbed among the clouds to nod the ball into the corner.

A mere four minutes later Henderson's cross found Jankovics in front of the goal but the ball was an inch or so too high and the header off target.

Doug Brown broke through on the left flank and Prskalo, somewhat unnecessarily, brought him down from behind with a late-late tackle, resulting in his dismissal.

— Andrew Dettre

CANBERRA v ADELAIDE GIANTS 0-0

CANBERRA ARROWS (4-3-3)

Wilson (4)			
M.O'Shea (3)	Stark (4)	Byrne (5)	R. O'Shea (3)
Cole (4)	J. O'Shea (3)	Massa (3)	
MacLaren (4)	Valeri (3)	Brennan (3)	
●			
Mitchell (4)	J. Nyskohus (3)	Northcote (3)	
Villani (3)	Perin (3)	Marocchi (4)	
B. Nyskohus (3)	Melta (3)	Jones (3)	Russell (3)
Marshall (5)			

ADELAIDE GIANTS (4-3-3)

Replacements: Farrell (57m) for Massa, Giampaolo (69m) for Brennan, Buch (81m) for Villani, Signore (88m) for J. Nyskohus.
Referee: B. Mee — Crowd: 2,642.

The weather was cool and rainy, which helped to explain why Canberra's smallest crowd to watch a first home match of the season was in attendance.

Nevertheless, those who made the trip were well rewarded with a game of skill and excitement only lacking in goals.

In the opening exchanges Canberra created more chances and probing wing runs by Donald MacLaren tested the Adelaide defence.

The first gilt-edged chance fell to Johan Massa after 14 minutes when he blasted the ball wide with the goal unattended, from only two metres.

APPLAUSE

Three minutes later Richard Wilson leaped bravely to punch a Gary Marocchi header out of danger. Canberra kept up the pressure but the goals would not come.

Tony Brennan saw a rasping shot on goal blocked by Marocchi, Walter Valeri sighed as a 20-metre effort dipped over the Adelaide crossbar and a Massa header was saved adroitly on the line by Peter Marshall who was in superb form.

Although the home team had not scored in the first half it was clapped off the field for its

spirited performance at half-time.

The second half continued as the first left off. A thunderbolt from Duncan Cole thudded off the Giants crossbar with Marshall stranded.

Adelaide, however, were undaunted and concentrated on building patient, industrious attacks.

Terry Byrne passing back to Wilson far too casually saw his pass intercepted by David Mitchell who could only find the side netting with his shot. Mitchell was again unfortunate when he nodded a cross onto the

Canberra crossbar.

After 73 minutes Walter Valeri saw a swift pass to MacLaren intercepted brilliantly by Marshall who can be credited with saving a point for the Giants.

Canberra impressed with their willingness to take the game to their opponents and ability to contain dangerous attacks in defence.

Terry Byrne in particular revelled in the role of central defender and was the best field player of the fixture.

If Canberra can find the net with this brand of crowd pleasing soccer then they will win many hitherto disillusioned fans.

— Peter Kunz

FOOTSCRAY v LEICHHARDT 2-1 (2-1)

FOOTSCRAY (4-4-2)

Boland (3)			
Milne (3)	Kondarios (4)	Kyriakoulias (4)	Petrou (3)
Jovanovic (5)	Picioane (4)	Ilioski (5)	Belic (3)
Simic (3)			
●			
O'Connor (4)	Pirie (3)	Hughes (3)	
Kafka (3)	Harding (3)	Coyne (3)	
McAusland (3)	Pullen (4)	Wilson (4)	Skellern (4)
Woodhouse (3)			

LEICHHARDT (4-3-3)

Replacements: Curovic (58m) for Belic, Hazabent (77m) for Petrou, Gray (79m) for Harding.
Goals: 1-0 Kondarios (15m), 1-1 O'Connor (24m), 2-1 Vasic (44m).
Referee: S. Mellings — Crowd: 1,951 — Caution: Pullen.

"Forget the result, we still need at least three good players to have a reasonable side."

Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic said this after the match.

But if Footscray needs strengthening what does it say for Leichhardt which has already dipped heavily into the transfer market?

The NSW side started brightly and could have taken the lead in the 11th minute when Phil O'Connor was put through on his own but shot too early and ballooned the ball over the bar.

O'Connor atoned for his mistake by scoring the goal of the match 13 minutes later latching onto a Footscray clearance from a corner on the volley and ham-

mering the ball into the roof of the net.

But the visiting side had little to offer after that.

Dennis Boland in Footscray's goal was only worried by crosses which he cut out comfortably and a John Coyne header which sailed over the bar.

The striking duo of Alan Hughes and Bill Pirie was hardly sighted during the match and it was only O'Connor who dug furrows down the wings trying to create openings.

Footscray, on the other hand, surprised a lot of people including

their own coach who had confided before the match he would have been happy with a draw.

The side opening the scoring from a corner after 15 minutes.

Ilioski took the kick, the ball was headed on in the area and Jim Kondarios was on hand to slam home from just outside the six yard box.

Just after O'Connor's equaliser, Footscray midfield pair Stobodan Jovanovic and Zoki Ilioski worked the ball up for Paul Simic whose great shot on the turn smashed against the near post.

But the Leichhardt

relief didn't last as the homeside slid back into the lead before halftime.

Jovanovic again did the hard work and his overhead kick landed in Dragan Vasic's path for the latter to fire a low shot under Woodhouse's body.

The second half was an anticlimax by comparison but it was Footscray who came closest rattling the upright again this time through the very mobile Zoki Ilioski.

In patches, Footscray gave us again glimpses of their undoubted skill and talent.

It's a pity that they cannot attain a higher degree of consistency or put up better shows in their away games.

— Paul Gates

CLUB PATROL



2 TO 6

IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.



Denis Duarte, St. George

TONY MORSELLO is unwilling to pay the still transfer listed by Inter figure and so Tony has been looking for another Leichhardt have been club. Meanwhile, Monaro

officials say they would gladly have Tony in their side this year if he decided to return Queanbeyan.

St. George took their first team squad reserves to Canberra last weekend to play Croatia Deakin, now coached by former Saints star VIC FERNANDEZ. Saints coach FRANK AROK gave all players who haven't appeared in the Ampol Cup a run, and was pleased with the performances of some of the players, especially new English recruit DAVE RYLANDS. The score was 3-3, with Dave McIntosh scoring once and Peter Beggs netting twice.

North Sydney Inter's coach PHIL BOTTALICO is now out of hospital and recovering slowly at home after an operation for appendicitis.

Croatia again made a big buy on the transfer market when they paid out \$10,000 to Sydney Olympians for PETER HENSMAN. Peter made it known last year that if Olympic was readmitted to the PSL he would seek a transfer. An unusual step? Maybe, but Peter said he couldn't devote the time to training in the PSL that he could in the State League. That, and the time required away from home travelling on weekends, made him decide to look for another State League team.

Sutherland's KEITH SCHUMANN has had his leg taken out of plaster and should start light training soon. Meanwhile MARK HARRINGTON should be able to start solid training and officials expect him back in the side by April.

Canterbury have lost the services of TERRY THOMPSON. He works as a fireman and has been transferred out of the Sydney Metropolitan area.

North Sydney have regained the services of two of their young stars from last year. ROBBIE YOUSSEF was on loan to Blacktown Demons, but decided that a first team place in the State League was preferable to a position in the Blacktown Youth team. JIM BOTTALICO made the same decision and

LETTERS

I have been reading in Soccer World that Newcastle are looking for a racy nickname for the club that utilizes the initials KB.

I think I have an interesting suggestion to make: Newcastle Keg Bandits.

What do you think? The team could be known to the fans simply as 'the Bandits', which is a racy sporting title, while the full name would both preserve the desired initials and tie them in, in a humorous fashion, with the sponsor's product.

Anyhow, for what it is worth, that is my suggestion. Good luck in 1981.

Bob Macdonald,
Armidale, NSW

All these new names for the PSL teams have no real history behind them.

Let us be looking ahead to the next 20 or 30 years at teams playing in our lower divisions.

For example, Bonnyrigg, who not rename them Bonnyrigg Prince Charlie F.C. after Bonnie Prince Charlie. We even have a readymade nickname for them — (wait for it!) THE PROPER CHARLIE!

Could you imagine them playing in the PSL one day with that name?

Let us look at another lower division team, Hurstville. Why not rename them Hurstville Geoff F.C. After Geoff Hurst who scored a hat-trick in a world cup final.

We also have another readymade nickname, THE HAT-TRICKS! And what about Arncliffe Scots (Hoots mon!), why not rename them ARNCLIFFE HANGERS F.C. nickname THE CLIFF HANGERS!

And what about that team that plays in the lower divisions of W.A. named Stirling; why not call them STIRLING MOSS DRIVES!

The club nickname could be THE RACERS!

Anything is better than City. Talking of cities, if Blacktown City and Parramatta City ever amalgamated we could come up with the following names: Blackmata City or Parratown City — the nickname A TALE OF TWO CITIES!

And what about Green Valley? Why not rename them ORANGE AND GREEN VALLEY F.C. Now there is a team the Irish community could support.

Come to think of it, going by the name it could be one of the most colorful teams in the PSL.

And what about a team called HOBART CUMMINGS F.C. after the race horse trainer — nickname THE SPECIALISTS!

After all he has won 7 Melbourne Cups?

And what about Elizabeth City in S.A. why not rename them ELIZABETH REGINA F.C. — nickname ROYALTES!

I challenge your fine newspaper and your other readers to match or better my ideas.

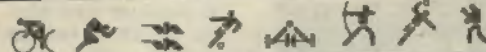
F. J. Clark
Cabramatta, NSW

returned to Norths after going to Leichhardt on a trial.

Polonia's Wojtek NOWAK who has already won a regular, first team position, arrived in Australia with Government assistance. Wojtek left Poland and when in Vienna asked for information about coming to Australia as a migrant.

The 20-year-old has a lot of supporters in the club, and they feel that once he starts to shine the whole Polonia side will benefit.

Congratulations are in order for CRAIG ROGERS and LEE BREMNER who were married last week. Craig, a first team player with Sutherland, has been given a few weeks off while he's on his honeymoon.



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STATE LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



To start the 1981 State League Report we asked the 14 clubs what they expected from the season, both on and off the field.

Without exception all clubs answered realistically: the expected "win the competition" comments were not all that regular.

Rather, consolidation and improving on last year's position were the usual answers.

AUBURN

Auburn are definitely looking for another successful year.

"The team is just as strong as last year's combination — perhaps a little stronger," a club spokesman said.

"The old hands are still there, and we have been able to regain the services of Steve Leak and Terry Bertram.

"Charlie Prgomelja and Dennis Daley have strengthened both the defence and attack, while Hector Martinez is perhaps one of the most skilled players in the State League.

"All in all it looks like a very strong Auburn team," he said.

"What we have to wait for is to see how it shapes up to the other sides in the competition.

"Off the field, we have had some problems with the local council regarding Mona Park.

"All we are asking is that the council help us by preparing the ground better for the soccer season.

"I don't think it would be unreasonable to say that Auburn will once again be to the front in the chase for State League honours this year," he added.



AVALA

"We want to play attacking, successful football," said Avala coach Kaz Kulak.

"Last year we committed ourselves to playing attractive soccer and we won a lot of new fans.

"But we have to have success to win even more people along to our matches.

"And that is what top soccer is all about," Kaz added.

"This year the competition will be very tough.

"There are already several teams shaping up as prospective championship contenders.

"I think that Avala can challenge for a top four place again.

"Our side has a strong blend of youth and experience and should be able to match most teams in the State League.

"The aim of every club must be to achieve 100 percent effort from all its players.

"If we do that then we can be more successful

than last year and a top four place would not be out of the question," Kaz added.

BANKSTOWN

Consolidation. That's Bankstown's catchcry this year, according to club president Charlie Struck.

"Last year we started off big guns, but couldn't maintain the pace.

"People got depressed and the end result was almost disaster," Charlie said.

Rumours flew around last season that players and officials alike were disgruntled over the lack of success after such a promising showing in the Ampol Cup, where the team reached the semifinals.

"I think now the club realises that we have to gradually improve our position.

"We can't go from being 'battlers' to title-challengers in one season.

"It takes effort and planning," Charlie said.

"And that's what we intend doing this year.

"We've been scouring the Bankstown district for weeks, looking at all players as possible first team material.

"It will be a long term project, but I think it's worth the effort to really build up a side rather than wave a cheque book around and yet still have no guarantee of success."

CANTERBURY

"We are still in the process of building up the side," said Canterbury secretary Lionel Brown.

"What we want to achieve in 1981 is to go one better than last season.

"Last year we took our chances and we made it to the final.

"This season we want to make the Grand Final — and win it," Lionel said.

"Following on from this I think it would also be fair to say that we have a definite plan to achieve PSL status.

"I think any ambitious club must look towards the highest possible level of competition.

"But firstly we must prepare for it, through competing in the State League.

"We have to prove ourselves here first," Lionel said.

CROATIA

If Melita are confident of winning the State League title, they'll have to overcome several strong challenges, from



MELITA

"Our aim this year is to retain our title and continue to attract good crowds," was Melita president Emmanuel Said's comment.

"We have a squad capable of fighting for the title and of providing entertaining soccer for our fans.

"We have lost some players, granted.

"But we feel the replacements are as good as the ones that left.

"The only thing different is that the new players will have to be blended together into a unit," Emmanuel added.

"But our coach Vic Daigleish has been able to show he will retain our famous style and we are confident he'll get the team ready for the competition."

While the club's main aim is the State League title, was there any aim of eventual PSL status?

"Certainly we are looking towards the PSL.

"It is the highest competition in Australia, but we have to be realistic about it.

"Membership of the PSL is not the great cure-all a lot of people think," Emmanuel said.

"It involves a lot of extra expense which you can only get back if you are fairly successful.

"I would rather see Melita play in the State League and have \$10,000 in the kitty at the end of the year than play PSL and go bankrupt.

"Our first priority is to win the State League — and that's a task we're optimistic about," Emmanuel added.

MONARO

Inter Monaro have always had a soft spot for the non-committed soccer followers in Sydney.

They have been the classic underdogs, ever since they were admitted to the State League in 1978.

In 1979 they did what nobody would have thought possible two years earlier: they won the Grand Final.

Last year they started the season disastrously; beset with post-Giampaolo and Valeri 'blues' they looked candidates for relegation.

But they rallied marvellously and finished fifth.

"We feel the side is definitely stronger than last year's squad.

"We've retained everyone, plus we've been able to get a few players back from injury and a few new players into the bargain.

"Joe Arquero has been patiently building the side — he had to use the Ampol Cup matches as training runs.

"What is our aim this year? Purely and simply to compete on the field each week and to do the best we can. The State League is the best thing that has ever happened to us.

"We're not saying we will set the league on fire this year, but we feel there is the chance we won't struggle as badly as we have in the past," he said.

NTH.SYDNEY INTER

"The first team squad is basically on a par with last year's and I feel we should be quite able to maintain our position," said North Sydney's secretary Archie Blue.

"It is a safe thing to say, but I think we can easily consolidate our position in the league," he said.

"The only player we've lost is Frank Leyden — but hopefully we'll soon have a replacement for him.

"Off the field we want to get a licensed club to back us.

"It is becoming increasingly important for a soccer team to have a good, solid financial foundation, and without a club we can't be assured of that backing.

"Whether we can challenge for a top four position will depend very much on the standard of the other teams.

"St. George have been rated as a stronger team than Olympic were last year, while Croatia have also improved dramatically," Archie said.

"We could challenge, as the lads have done well last year and know what the State League is all about.

"We have to keep applying ourselves to the task at hand, and maintain the consistency we had towards the end of the year.

"If we can do that, then I think the North Sydney team will at least be in the top half of the table," Archie added.

PARRAMATTA

"The main task this year is to improve the club's image both with our own supporters and with the rest of the soccer community," said Parramatta's president Bob Chisholm.

"It's reached the stage where people write us off before each match.

"They forget that we've had some excellent results over the past few seasons.

"The team has always had a crop of good players — probably some of the most talented in the League — but without a consistent level of play the results just don't follow," Bob said.

"We will try and improve our image this year otherwise I don't think we can grow as a club."

"I don't say that we'll finish in the top four, but we just want to lift ourselves off the bottom," he added.

"There was a period last year when the mood was terrific.

"But it was partly the team's efforts and partly hard work that brought that on.

"The side has had an unfortunate start to the season, but I think the Ampol Cup isn't a very good litmus test this year, what with the disruptions, and only once the competition proper starts will we be able to see which teams will be challenging for honours and which will be struggling," Bob added.



POLONIA

Polonia are the new team to the State League this year, but are by no means content to be rated among the also-rans when the season finishes.

Their president, Michael Kordek, is one of the new breed of ambitious, forward thinking men that soccer so desperately needs.

"When we gained promotion we immediately started thinking in terms of 'consolidation' and 'period of adjustment'," Michael said.

"But in view of the fact that we have been able to get some good players both locally and from overseas, we started thinking about a higher position.

"In fact, we are quite realistically looking at the top four," he said.

"And it's not as impossible as you might think.

"After all, Inter Monaro missed out by a fraction in the first year they were in State League, and North Sydney had a good season last year as well.

"They have more to prove than the teams which are established, or have been in the State League for a period.

"The newer, hungrier teams tend to do well," Michael said.

RIVERWOOD

"We want to consolidate our position as a club," said Riverwood secretary Eric Smith.

"Riverwood is a new set-up.

"It's a new club, with a new strip, a new area, and hopefully new ideas," he said.

"Our aspirations are not necessarily to win the league, but with Abonyi at the helm we feel that perhaps a Top Four position is not out of the question."

Eric said Riverwood wanted to improve the standard of playing which their supporters had been used to with Arncliffe.

"We employed a top line coaching trio of Abonyi, Alan Edmondson and Rick Brown, and they in turn have attracted players of a higher standard," he said.

Eric said the club hoped that 1981 would see the side do "a lot better than we've done before."

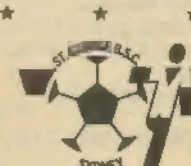
"We hope that the old Arncliffe supporters will follow Riverwood, but we also want to make new friends and fans in the Riverwood area.

"We want to develop a close relationship with the area through the Riverwood Social club," Eric said.

He added that during the season the club hoped to announce plans for the development of a ground of its

own, within the Riverwood district.

"We're planning long range, and we hope that by 1985 our plans will come to fruition," he said.



ST. GEORGE

St. George are back in the New South Wales Federation — or rather in the NSW top flight competition, after their drop from the PSL.

While at first it was feared they would lose most of their players who would be keen to remain in the PSL, their astute coach Frank Arok has managed to keep the core of the side together.

"Frank has really provided us with a side that could very well be the 1981 premiers," soccer president Les Boudacs said.

"We want to prove that we can re-establish ourselves as a soccer power, and we are determined to make this season a good one for the club.

"Frank has been able to work the new players into the team, and has built up the confidences of last year's side, turning them into a side that is eager to take the State League title."

Les said that off the field the club also had some plans.

"We want to consolidate ourselves financially.

"The PSL put a great strain on our finances, and the respite of the State League will give us a chance to sort matters out," Les said.

"Our further long range plans for the stadium are not urgent and can wait.

"What we want now is something spectacular for the people to see," he said.

"And we are confident we will get that," Les added.

SUTHERLAND

"On the field we expect to do well this year," said Sutherland's secretary Laurie Haynes.

"We haven't lost all that many players from last year's team.

"The only major one who comes to mind is Craig Holman, but even he could be back with us before the season is out.

"Last year we had to blood a new crop of players, some of them out of third grade, but these kids have now got that year of valuable experience behind them and should be more mature.

"We certainly hope 1981 will be a good season and we've set our sights on a top four position," Laurie said.

"Last year was a bad one for us on the field — we didn't make the top four even though we discovered some talented players.

"We're looking for an enjoyable season this year," he said.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

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(FIRST HALF DRAW)

ROUND 1, MARCH 1		
Croatia Sydney	v Riverwood	Sunday, King Tomislav Park
Bankstown City	v Melita Eagles	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Inter Monaro	v Sutherland Shire	Sunday, Marco Polo Oval
St. George B.S.C.	v Avala	Saturday, St. George Stadium
Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	v Manly Warringah	Sunday, Arlington Oval
Polonia	v North Sydney Inter	Sunday, Chopin Park
Parramatta City	v Auburn	Sunday, Garside Park
ROUND 2, MARCH 8		
Melita Eagles	v Croatia Sydney	Sunday, Everley Park
Parramatta City	v Riverwood	Sunday, Garside Park
Sutherland Shire	v Bankstown City	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Avala	v Inter Monaro	Sunday, Knight Park
Manly Warringah	v St. George B.S.C.	Sunday, Cromer Park
Auburn	v Polonia	Sunday, Venue to be advised
North Sydney Inter	v Cant.-M'ville	Sunday, North Sydney Oval
ROUND 3, MARCH 15		
Croatia Sydney	v Sutherland Shire	Sunday, King Tomislav Park
Riverwood	v Melita Eagles	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Bankstown City	v Avala	Sunday, Marco Polo Oval
Inter Monaro	v Manly Warringah	Sunday, St. George Stadium
St. George B.S.C.	v North Sydney Inter	Sunday, Arlington Oval
Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	v Auburn	Sunday, Garside Park
Parramatta	v Polonia	
ROUND 4, MARCH 22		
Avala	v Croatia Sydney	Sunday, Knight Park
Sutherland Shire	v Riverwood	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Melita Eagles	v Parramatta City	Sunday, Everley Park
Manly Warringah	v Bankstown City	Sunday, Cromer Park
North Sydney Inter	v Inter Monaro	Sunday, Knight Park
Auburn	v St. George B.S.C.	Sunday, Cromer Park
Polonia	v Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	Sunday, Chopin Park
ROUND 5, MARCH 29		
Croatia Sydney	v Manly Warringah	Sunday, Kings Tomislav Park
Riverwood	v Avala	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Melita Eagles	v Sutherland Shire	Sunday, Everley Park
Bankstown City	v North Sydney Inter	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Inter Monaro	v Auburn	Saturday, Marco Polo Oval
St. George B.S.C.	v Polonia	Sunday, St. George Stadium
Parramatta City	v Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	Sunday, Garside Park
ROUND 6, APRIL 5		
North Sydney Inter	v Croatia Sydney	Sunday, Cromer Park
Manly Warringah	v Riverwood	Sunday, Knight Park
Avala	v Melita Eagles	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Sutherland Shire	v Parramatta City	Sunday, Monro Park
Auburn	v Bankstown City	Sunday, Chopin Park
Polonia	v Inter Monaro	Sunday, Arlington Oval
Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	v St. George B.S.C.	
ROUND 7, APRIL 12		
Croatia Sydney	v Auburn	Sunday, King Tomislav Park
Riverwood	v North Sydney Inter	Sunday, Hurstville Oval
Melita Eagles	v Manly Warringah	Sunday, Everley Park
Sutherland Shire	v Avala	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Bankstown City	v Polonia	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Inter Monaro	v Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	Sunday, Marco Polo Oval
Parramatta City	v St. George B.S.C.	Sunday, Garside Park

ROUND 8, APRIL 19		
Polonia	v Croatia Sydney	Sunday, Chopin Park
Auburn	v Riverwood	Sunday, Monro Park
North Sydney Inter	v Melita Eagles	Sunday, Cromer Park
Manly Warringah	v Sutherland Shire	Sunday, Knight Park
Avala	v Parramatta City	Sunday, Arlington Oval
Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	v Bankstown City	Sunday, St. George Stadium
St. George B.S.C.	v Inter Monaro	
ROUND 9, APRIL 25/26		
Croatia Sydney	v Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	Sunday, King Tomislav Park
Riverwood	v Polonia	Sunday, Hurstville Oval
Melita Eagles	v Auburn	Sunday, Everley Park
Sutherland Shire	v North Sydney Inter	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Avala	v Manly Warringah	Sunday, Knight Park
Bankstown City	v St. George B.S.C.	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Parramatta City	v Inter Monaro	Saturday, Garside Park
ROUND 10, MAY 3		
St. George B.S.C.	v Croatia Sydney	Sunday, St. George Stadium
Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	v Riverwood	Sunday, Arlington Oval
Polonia	v Melita Eagles	Sunday, Chopin Park
Auburn	v Sutherland Shire	Sunday, Monro Park
North Sydney Inter	v Avala	Sunday, Cromer Park
Manly Warringah	v Parramatta City	Sunday, Marco Polo Oval
Inter Monaro	v Bankstown City	
ROUND 11, MAY 10		
Croatia Sydney	v Inter Monaro	Sunday, King Tomislav Park
Riverwood	v St. George B.S.C.	Sunday, Hurstville Oval
Melita Eagles	v Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	Sunday, Everley Park
Sutherland Shire	v Polonia	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Avala	v Auburn	Sunday, Knight Park
Manly Warringah	v North Sydney Inter	Sunday, Cromer Park
Parramatta City	v Bankstown City	Sunday, Garside Park
ROUND 12, MAY 16/17		
Bankstown City	v Croatia Sydney	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Inter Monaro	v Riverwood	Sunday, Marco Polo Oval
St. George	v Melita Eagles	Sunday, St. George Stadium
Cant.-M'ville Olymp.	v Sutherland Shire	Sunday, Arlington Oval
Polonia	v Avala	Sunday, Chopin Park
Auburn	v Manly Warringah	Saturday, Monro Park
North Sydney Inter	v Parramatta City	Sunday, Garside Park
ROUND 13, MAY 23/24		
Croatia Sydney	v Parramatta City	Sunday, King Tomislav
Riverwood	v Bankstown City	Sunday, Hurstville Oval
Melita Eagles	v Inter Monaro	Sunday, Everley Park
Sutherland Shire	v St. George B.S.C.	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Avala	v Cant.-M'ville	Sunday, Knight Park
Manly Warringah	v Polonia	Saturday, Cromer Park
North Sydney Inter	v Auburn	Sunday, Garside Park

STATE STARTS WITH EXCITING CLASHES

While the Phillips Soccer League has stolen the limelight over the past two weeks, having started a month earlier than usual, the NSW State League now gets underway.

Thirteen teams from last year — 12 from Sydney and one from Queanbeyan — have been joined by the promoted team Polonia, replacing Yugal, who went down after a bitter fight.

The game of the round looks like being the Croatia-Riverwood encounter.

It will see Atti Abonyi take his new charges, Riverwood, to Edensor Park to face his old club, Croatia.

Croatia have bought aggressively on the transfer market in an effort to buy the success that eluded them last year — their first season for four years without a major trophy.

Riverwood are a completely new club, with a new strip, a new logo, a new coach and a new outlook.

Whether they can start the season off with a bang has yet to be seen.

We feel Croatia should take both points in a 2-0 win.

The St. George-Avala clash at Barton Park will give the Saints a chance to test their mettle against one of last season's top four contenders.

The Saints have shown a remarkable resilience: when they dropped out of the PSL it looked odds on that the side would fall apart.

It was only through the tireless efforts of Frank Arok that the team was held together, and he has already started welding a team quite capable of taking the State League title.

Avala have always had a policy of attacking soccer under Kaz Kulak and this encounter should provide some entertaining stuff.

The experience of the PSL should be a deciding factor though and we see the Saints winning 3-1.

Bankstown play hosts to last year's premiers Melita at the Sports Centre.

Bankstown have a new, streamlined committee, and a new policy concentrating on the district's talent.

Melita have a new coach and a few new players, but basically have the same midfield that led them to the top last season.

Stoddart and Farruggia will once again be the king-pins and should give Melita the edge here.

We tip a Melita win 2-0.

Sutherland journey to Queanbeyan for their first match and face an Inter-Monaro side that is still something of a mystery.

Monaro officials vehemently deny that the side is unfit and claim that given a few weeks of solid competition they will once again be among the leaders.

Sutherland's young team is starting to gel at last to the relief of coach John Watkiss, and with several players on the road back to fitness after long injuries the future looks rosy for the club.

This match has often produced controversy, but a draw would not surprise.



Vic Dal Forno

We tip a 2-2 result.

Canterbury and Manly square off at Arlington Oval on Sunday and the result here could go either way.

Canterbury have had a few disappointments on the playing side, especially the loss of Greg Byles who was so valuable in the middle of the park.

Manly are fitter than most teams at this stage of the competition as their draw with Melita indicates.

Again they should be full of running, but if they can add some guile to the side they could be more than a handful.

We tip a narrow 2-1 win for the Berries.

Polonia are at home to North Sydney Inter in the first round and are determined to start in style.

They have built the team up from the first division side and are confident that they can do well.

Norths are glad to have both Robbi Youssef and Jim Botalico back in the squad after their short trials with PSL teams.

Their return means the side is basically the same as last year except for the loss of Frank Leyden.

Their experience should give them the nod over Polonia and we see another narrow win 3-2.

Near neighbours Parramatta and Auburn clash at Garside Park in their first derby for 1981.

Auburn look far stronger on paper with Martinez, Leak, MacDonald and McMillan.

Parramatta's first outing in the Ampol Cup ended in disaster and they must surely be hoping that no more heavy defeats are forthcoming.

Auburn look the winners here by a healthy margin: We tip a 3-0 win to the Green and Golds.

ADELAIDE

By Vic Migliaccio

Tonight's (Wed.) Ampol Cup semifinals at the Hindmarsh Stadium will be a promoter's dream.

At 7.30pm Phillips League side Adelaide Hawks meet Rothmans League representative Cumberland United.

In the later match the other Phillips Leaguer Adelaide Giants play last season's Rothmans League Champions Croatia.

Both PSL League teams should dispose of their opponents quite easily and qualify for the final next week.

Probable line-ups for the Ampol Cup semifinals:

Hawks: M. Crook, P. Tymczyszyn, G. Haig, N. McGachey, S. Topaz, V. Bozanic, P. Boyle, I. McKie, G. Norris, Manecas, I. McGregor.

Croatia: J. Margary, T. Williams, M. Donnelly, B. Kotler, P. Herd, J. Thomson, S. Caggiano, Z. Lesan, T. Jordan, R. Marwe, T. Hayse.

Giants: P. Marshall, B. Russell, B. Nyskohus, J. Beair, J. Jones, S. Melita, C. Villani, L. Signore, J. Mitchell, J. Nyskohus, J. Nyskohus.

Cumberland: K. Johnson, B. Leane, S. Parkes, G. Panhurst, C. Hawks, M. Ball, D. Mahony, T. Dobney, D. Leane, B. Welsh, C. Reeves.

Last Wednesday night results: Cumberland v Amateurs 0-0; Hawks v 2nd Div. 8-2.

A very successful meeting was held last Monday at the Juventus club rooms of Adelaide Giants for members and supporters.

Club president Lou Ravesi addressed the meeting and presented a 40-page booklet and spoke in great length on the club's current financial position.

Ravesi is part of a new committee which moved in last November to save the club which went very nearly bankrupt.

Radio 5DN which broadcasts all local PSL matches in 1977 and 1978 disappointed the soccer public when in 1979 and 1980 they cut their service to only live comments from the ground every 15 minutes. However, even that was better than nothing, because that's the sad story of this new season — nothing is what we get now!

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We missed some fun

Maybe it's just as well that Nacional of Montevideo's Melbourne match was cancelled — we might have escaped a repetition of the scandalous scenes witnessed in 1974 when Uruguay played in Sydney.

When Nacional's visit to Australia was cancelled because of the Qantas dispute, they accepted an invitation to play a friendly match in Hong Kong against league leaders South China.

The match erupted into a pitched battle in which iron bars and flag sticks were used.

The benches of both teams emptied onto the field and were involved in the 10-minute virtual free-for-all.

The players used iron bars and flag sticks to chase each other up and down the field. Kicking, wrestling and boxing made some witnesses wince.

Chan Chung-Yeung — assistant coach of another leading Hong Kong side, Caroline Hill — said: "It was the worst soccer violence I have ever seen in my life."

FROM THE PRESS BOX

Many of us have often felt that there was a touch of madness about Australian soccer. We now have this confirmed by an expert.

Writes Tommy Docherty in the latest issue of the London "Shoot" magazine:

"I may find that I won't want to come back (to UK). Or that I can't afford to.

"Sydney Olympic are only about the standard of Altrincham (English non-league club) but they're paying me twice as much as Manchester United did the year we won the Cup. It's crazy, isn't it?"

Yes, it is. Especially when you compare the resources of Olympic and Manchester United and their respective potentials for income earning.

Soon the British will regard Australia with the same benign contempt they have held for the Americans for some time: the rich, careless colonial upstarts with more money than brains or taste.

Meanwhile, The Doc keeps churning out his own columns in Australian newspapers with such speed that he is likely to run out of his well worn clichés and dusted down anecdotes within a few weeks.

Last Sunday, one gem among his memorabilia, concerned former all-time Australian great Joe Marston.

Docherty managed to get it wrong, into "Marsden."

Oh, well, you can't remember everything.

It would take an incurable optimist to forecast a bright and happy future for the Youth League. There are only nine teams participating and the draw itself shows radical departures from the conventional.

In the first round one match was called off for reasons not known; last week two more were off.

Simply, they became disposable. When Olympic decided to take its PSL match to the Sportsground and play it as a late game to the Slickers' home tie, the two youth league matches fell victim of this arrangement.

It will be the same throughout the season, whenever the grounds are wet, heavy or slushy: the PSL match has to go on — but the youth match will be called off to protect the pitch. But who protects the youth?

It was the same sad story two years ago when the NSW Youth League games were so often postponed or cancelled that halfway through nobody seemed to know whether it's still running or not.

I really think the cream of our youth deserves something better unless the whole league is a mere sham to appease the conscience of clubs in the area of "youth development."

If the Youth League is worth having, it's worth more than passing attention from the authorities.

They should appoint an administrator to look after the League's arrangements, promotion and publicity before the entire noble venture collapses.

Talking about cancellation due to the weather: how did Olympic meet the "criteria" for re-admission to the PSL without having their own ground — or even exercising control over Pratten Park?

They have been pretty homeless for a very long time, renting, sub-tenanting and sub-sub-leasing various grounds without settling down.

Another pertinent question concerning Sunday's shift of the Olympic match venue: what happened to the "brilliant" drainage of Barton Park which, we were told, was the best in Australia?

If the English, with THEIR lousy weather, called games off every time it rained, they would be just about halfway through the 1932 season...

In Sydney's "Sun-Herald," John Warren sounded off pretty harshly about the appointment of South African cricket ace Tony Greig to the Youth World Cup Organising Committee.

Warren was, of course, right: It's a disgrace. And he could have mentioned another long list of interlopers who, somehow, got among this dubiously distinguished group.

But it's the same all over with the YWC: just about the only qualification required to be on the organising committee is either to know nothing about the World Cup or, preferably, about soccer.

I stand corrected if I'm wrong — but I think there isn't one single man on the organising committee who has ever been at a senior World Cup from start to end either as an administrator or pressman — or even spectator.

The presence of cricket, tennis and other sporting "personalities" on the executive again shows the enormous inferiority complex Australian soccer suffers from.

We fall on our knees when a non-soccer sporting hero actually pats soccer on the back.

Can you imagine the Australian Cricket Board inviting Johnny Warren, the Olympic Federation co-opting Rale Rasic and Rugby Union spreading out the red carpet for Attila Abonyi?

No — this happens only in soccer where actual background in the game is regarded as a handicap.

Soccer videos

Through a special arrangement with a distributing company, Dunlop Footwear have gone into the film business.

They have engaged a crew to shoot videos of various Philips League matches and internationals.

These videos are on sale now from Sports Video Films, Aust., at Rockdale; inquiries on 592 209.



Familiarity, they say, breeds contempt; soccer here is run on familiarity...

Nomen est omen — so said the ancient Romans. What's in a name?

Ever since I became involved with Australian soccer — and this, in case you're interested, goes back to 1950 — I have been watching with decreasing interest and diminishing passion the perennial arguments about club names.

The issue is anything but new. I remember when, as representative of a club called Ferencvaros, I was called in to the old NSW Association about the name.

Also at the carpeting ceremony was Harry Lakmaker, then secretary of a club called, if I remember rightly, Hollandia.

We were told that the "ethnic" club names had to go — so they became Europa and Sydney Austral.

Since then the name-changing issue has been kept on the boil.

The latest is that Leichhardt are unhappy with their name and want to go back to A.P.I.A. which, in essence, is an abbreviation, standing for Italian-Australian All-Sports Association.

Is that ethnic? They don't want Leichhardt (isn't that more ethnic?) and Leichhardt Strikers — just A.P.I.A. And they are prepared to fight for it: from what we hear, they have notified the ASF that they will go to the Racial Discrimination Board or to the Equity Court to test the case.

Meanwhile, Marconi also want to change their name — to Marconi Datsun Leopards.

Both have valid arguments. Leichhardt claims that A.P.I.A. is (a) not an ethnic name, (b) there is nothing wrong with ethnic names, per se, (c) if there is still something wrong, why is Marconi tolerated?

Marconi take this train of thought into a new direction. They, too, want to keep Marconi — the name of a world famous inventor — but want to add Datsun because (a) it's economically vital to the club's existence (b) if one sponsor (KB) is allowed, so should be the other.

There is plenty of logic in both arguments, quite apart from the moral and emotional issue.

Perhaps it would deserve, after all these years of patchy and hasty decisions, a full and detailed study and examination.

In his last column in the "Herald," Rudi Gutendorf offered an olive branch to the Marconi officials, coaches and players with whom he has had a running cold war for weeks.

It was sensible of Rudi to retreat; a mere two months before a crucial World Cup match, he cannot afford the luxury of alienating key people.

New Zealand, in Auckland, on Anzac Day, will be a much more difficult proposition than many people imagine — and they were never easy meat in the past either.

Just think: some of their best players are now stars in the Philips League — Dods (Adcity), Wilson, Cole (Canberra), Sumner (Newcastle), Campbell, De Graaf and Turner (Wollongong).

Then they must have similar talent left back home, like that dangerous striker Nelson so far not snapped up by PSL clubs.

Some critics claim that New Zealand will have an advantage through the "spying" of these players on our soccer.

But it works the other way, too: Rudi Gutendorf and Les Scheinflug must have a pretty fair idea what Dods & Co. can do.

— A. Dettre

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

Very much has been said about summer soccer lately but most people, myself included, must be just about sick and tired of hearing about it.

I think the time has come where instead of further talk, the authorities should decide one way or another whether to give it a go or not.

For what it's worth: if summer soccer does come into being, don't be surprised to see a mass exodus from the Philips League back to State league by a number of the country's top players.

And why shouldn't they?

After playing in Melbourne last Sunday week in 40 degree heat, I am sure that eventually we would have a tragedy on our hands like they had in Yugoslavia not so long ago when a player collapsed and died in the showers after playing in extremely hot conditions.

The way some of our so-called "superstars" dress and turn up for the games makes one wonder whether they should be called super-slobs.

It's up to the club, management and coach to try to influence the way their players dress.

It's also about the time the players themselves considered the amount of media coverage the game is getting and that it's no longer good enough for them to come to the ground in T-shirts.

I can't imagine players like Kevin Keegan or Diego Maradona turning up at their stadiums in such sloppy fashion so why should our clubs be any different?

Last week's defeat against South Melbourne appears to have triggered two topics of conversation.

The first is: just how good is South Melbourne? Stories went around last week that "South

Melbourne thrashed" and "dominated" Marconi; that they were "brilliant" and so on.

But the actual fact is that they are only a very ordinary team — as was proved last Sunday in Sydney.

Sure, they have some very good players but they also have some of average standard.

Our performance in Melbourne was probably one of the worst I have seen from a Marconi team in my six years with the club.

I think South Melbourne would have to improve dramatically if they are to win the PSL title.

What about Marconi, then?

Some critics claim that it's the worst Marconi team on record.

I really think these people are merely having a go at coach Raul Blanco.

Because the team hasn't changed much in the past two seasons and neither has the management, any slump would have to boil down to Blanco.

For what it's worth, I feel — and so do the other players — that Blanco is one of the most professional coaches we have ever worked with and certainly rates along with Rale Rasic and Les Scheinflug.

We beat Preston last Sunday — but just. After our performance in Melbourne the week before, I thought this could be another "Blacktown massacre." It wasn't to be.

Our players were really keyed up and were keen to go.

But our midfield didn't function as we expected and so we had to struggle.

I felt Preston were a surprisingly talented team. Their central striker McMillan impressed me a lot and their right winger Cullen is also highly skilled and dangerous.

But we helped them enormously: we made them really cocky.

When they started, they treated us with a terrible lot of respect — and then this wore off when they realised that they were playing just another team.

In the latter part of the first half, they got right into the game and it was an even match.

I was pleased to see the forceful display of young Denis Coluso in the second half.

He is a very determined player and one of his ambitions is now to make the World Youth Cup squad.

The way he is progressing, I think he will.

KEN

MORTON IS STUNNED BY RAGING WOLVES

Over 100 people gathered to greet Wollongong when they returned from Melbourne last Sunday.

Players and officials alike are convinced that big-time soccer has come to stay in the 'Gong.

The man charged with the responsibility of keeping the success rolling on is coach Ken Morton.

And he is justifiably excited at what the future holds for the club.

"We have done better than we had dared hope — but we aren't really surprised," he said.

"The players have a deep respect for each other's skill and dedication and the side has become a unit in a very short space of time through determination and application," he added.

Morton said the club would probably have been just as happy to have used the first season as a consolidation period.

"After all, no-one expected us to do well.

"The two wins have now raised everyone's hopes within the club that perhaps we do have a better side than we thought," Morton said.

Morton is convinced the team has the ability to cause even more upsets this year.

"We are not a bunch of mugs," he said.

"We have three New Zealand internationals and some fine English League players — plus some talented locals who have all gelled together to form a unit," Morton said.

Morton himself is one of the players on Wollongong's books.

A very fit 33-year-old, he took the field against

Heidelberg when New Zealand striker Brian Turner clashed with fullback Charlie Yankos and split open his forehead.

Brian had to go to hospital — where he had stitches put in the cut.

"On away matches we have decided to keep our squad to a minimum so I only took a reserve keeper and a defender, and at that stage of the game the defence looked very well organised.

"So the only thing to do was to put myself

on," he said.

As it turned out it was a success. Morton netted the side's second goal and made a valuable contribution to the team effort.

"Our hopes are high for the season," Morton said.

"We want to re-establish soccer on the South Coast and we want the Wolves to be the focus for that soccer boom," he said.

"We're hoping the Showground is a noisy, colorful sea on Sunday afternoon," he said.

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